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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☐ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

| | Claims Remaining After | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 22 | - 22* = | 0 | x | 0.00 |
| Independent | 1 | - 3** = | 0 | x | 0.00 |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) | | | | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 0.00 |

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.